Steering Committee Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2012

In Attendance: Susan, Erin, Dana, Quentin, Matthew, Nat, Dan, Mer, Elysa, and Paul

**March 20 Port Visits Presentations will be held in Keener Room from 4-5:30PM for everyone involved with the Morgan project.**

**Will start to plan Morgan Professional Development once a month starting at 5PM**- will be similar to 1st Thursday lectures

- Will not be paid time

About $45K raised towards the $145K match which does not include $55K donor money

-Steamboat Warf and Mystic Rotary both gave 5K

-April 30 is the cut off for the $100K match

Donor has come forwarded and inspired many places to build whaleboats

He is donating money for each shop to get started on building

May have more whaleboats than we actually need (which is a great thing!)

The deadline to apply for the NEH implementation grant has been moved from August to January after Susan’s discussion with David Martz at NEH- this will be a more feasible time frame. We also can not apply for more funding from NEH until our planning grant funding has been spent

6/7 candidates have been chosen for the summer internship- more info. once they accept

Interns will be here from June 11- August 19th

**August 2- planning to have both the steering committee and the port program committee go on a Whale Watch, funded by the Hollings Grant we received. We may use the New England Aquarium’s whale watching vessel.**

Mary Anne products update:

**Interested in finding out more about the Lucite Morgan Block/ Custom Crystal 3-D etching**

Sail the Morgan Pins are being remade free of charge because the wrong colors were used

Voted down the coins because of the cost- would consider less expensive ones

**Can the ’78 edition of *The Whaleboat* be reprinted? Yes- with a specific number in mind**

**It was decided that there should be some rebranding of events during the “Year of the Morgan” to be more Morgan focused.**

**Nat to look into sponsorship for the Launch event- Mohegan Sun?**

The application for Mystic Seaport to become a Smithsonian Affiliate is almost complete. There are an enormous number of benefits to becoming affiliated- training, advice, access to collections, and much more.

Matthew is meeting with New Bedford Mayor on Friday (for 30 minutes!) Report to follow.